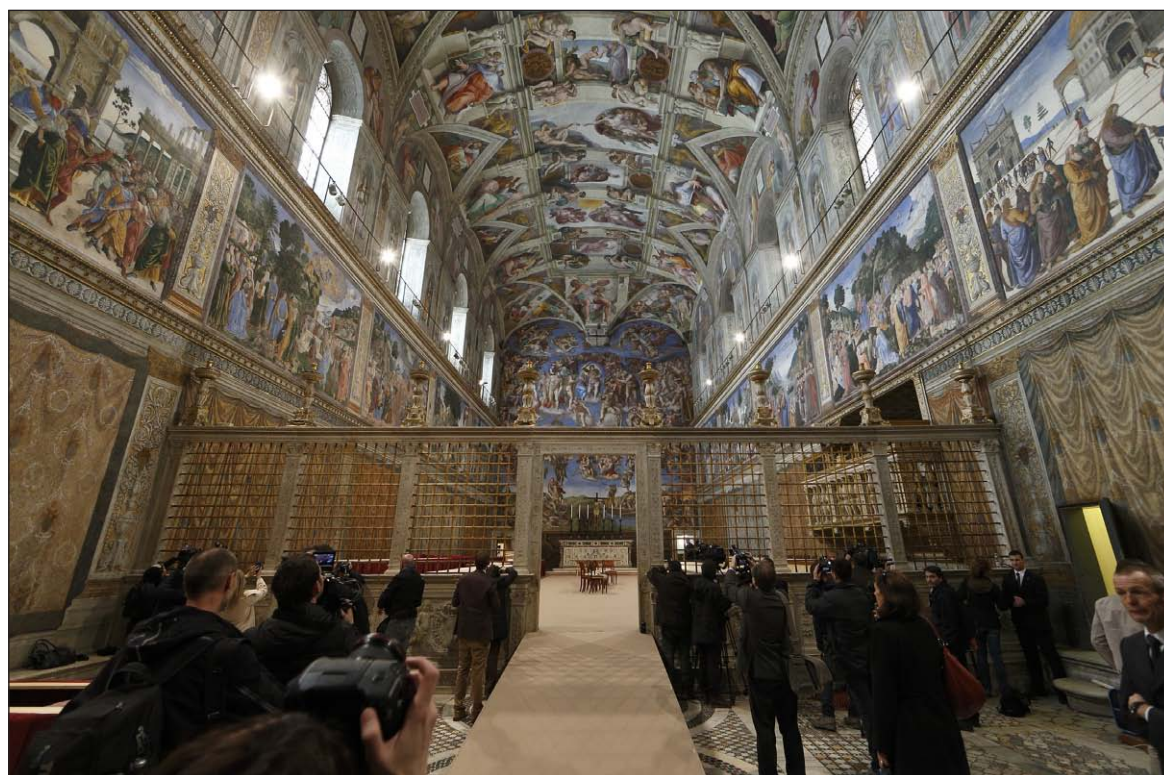


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Whole Church called to enter conclave in prayer, archbishop says

BY CINDY WOODEN



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Members of the media preview the Sistine Chapel as preparations continued for the conclave March 9 at the Vatican. Cardinal electors entered the chapel March 12 to begin the conclave to elect the new pope.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Although there will only be 115 cardinals in the Sistine Chapel voting for a pope, the whole Church joins them in prayer and expectation, said the archbishop who spearheaded the design of the conclave rites and prayers.

Archbishop Piero Marini, currently president of the Pontifical Committee for International Eucharistic Congresses, was master of ceremonies for Blessed John Paul II and coordinated the development of the prayers and Masses to guide the cardinals entering the conclave March 12.

"The spirit of expectation is part of this period" in the life of the Church, Archbishop Marini told reporters March 9 during a media briefing organized by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops at the Pontifical North American College.

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Priests say Light Is On For You was 'time of grace'

BY TIM JOHNSON

The Light Is On For You is being called a "time of grace." The diocesan-wide event March 6 opened all parishes from 6 to 8 p.m. for the sacrament of Reconciliation and prayer.

Despite 10 inches of snow that fell in Fort Wayne and parts of the diocese on Tuesday and early Wednesday morning, parishes plowed their lots and cleared the sidewalks to welcome the penitents.

At St. Michael Parish in Plymouth Father William Kummer told *Today's Catholic* they had many people in the parish church for both hours, and some stayed to pray until about 8:15 p.m.

"For me personally, it was a great time to be a priest," Father Kummer said as he welcomed penitents that evening. He was pleased at the numbers of young people who were present that evening.

Father Jason Freiburger, vice-chancellor and a priest in residence at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception said, "The Light Is On

For You was very well received as five priests heard Confessions at the cathedral and were kept busy for much of the time."

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was one of the priests who helped with the Confessions at the cathedral.

"I do not believe weather played too much of a factor," Father Freiburger noted. "Those who were seeking the grace of the sacrament and to be reconciled in their relationship with God were not deterred by the bad weather."

Father Bill Sullivan, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Elkhart, said, "Father Len Banas and I were present in our respective Reconciliation rooms from 6 to 8 p.m. When we spoke with one another at the end, his words said it all — 'It was a time of grace.'"

The priests of the diocese are continuing to promote the sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent.

"I am including Reconciliation themes in homilies all this Lent," Father Tim Wrozek,

pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Fort Wayne, said. "I have made reference to the bishop's push to have people return to the confessionals more often during those homilies. I have hit hard on the aspects of sinfulness and our need and reception of God's love and mercy in reconciliation with Him."

St. Joseph Parish planned a joint Reconciliation service with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne this Lent.

"I have increased the hours on Saturday for Confessions at St. Joseph," Father Wrozek said.

"Many extra times have been posted for individual Confession as well as parish penance services," Father Sullivan of St. Thomas Parish noted. "We have addressed this sacrament in our homilies."

At the cathedral, Reconciliation is promoted "by sharing the numerous reminders that Jesus provides in Scripture, especially the Lenten Mass readings, of a call to repentance and how we deepen a beautiful, loving relationship with God through this sacrament where the sins and fears that bind us are washed away," Father Freiburger said.

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Cardinals end pre-conclave meetings, hear report on Vatican bank

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — During their last meeting before entering the conclave to elect a new pope, the world's cardinals heard a report on the Vatican bank and continuing efforts to comply with international standards to prevent money laundering and the funding of terrorism.

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, told reporters that 152 cardinals, including those over 80 years old, were present for the final general congregation meeting March 11.

The presentation on the bank was given by Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, president of the commission of cardinals overseeing the Institute for the Works of Religion, the formal name of the Vatican bank. Father Lombardi said Cardinal Bertone's remarks "completed the series of information" about the financial health of the Vatican given to the cardinals who, as a whole, are responsible for running the Church when there is no pope.

Father Lombardi said Cardinal Bertone's presentation was brief and touched upon the nature of the bank and "the process of joining the international system of controls" to ensure it cannot be used for money laundering or financing terrorism.

The Vatican requested in 2011 that "Moneyval" — the Council of Europe's Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism — evaluate its financial and banking laws. Moneyval's first report, issued in July, said the Vatican met nine of its 16 "key and core" recommendations to prevent finance-related crimes.

However, in December, Italy's central bank said the Vatican laws were still too weak, and it halted an Italy-based bank's contract for accepting credit cards at the Vatican. In February, the Vatican found another provider.

Father Lombardi said 27 other cardinals also spoke at the session.

"Naturally, because it was the last meeting, many were about the expectations for the (new) Holy Father, a profile and expectations," he said.

During the 10 sessions of general congregations, which began March 4, he said, the cardinals listened to 160 presentations. A few cardinals spoke more than once and a few did not have a chance at all, Father Lombardi said.

Cardinal Angelo Sodano, dean of the College of Cardinals who presided over the general congregations, proposed an afternoon meeting so that all the cardinals who had signed up to speak could do so, but "the large majority preferred to conclude" with the morning session.

"The cardinals felt it was time to prepare to move to the Domus Sanctae Marthae," the Vatican residence where they will be staying, "and to enter the conclave," Father Lombardi said.

The Vatican spokesman also told journalists that about 90 people who are not cardinals were scheduled to gather in the Pauline Chapel of the Apostolic Palace late March 11 to swear, on penalty of excommunication, to "observe absolute and perpetual secrecy" concerning "all matters directly or indirectly related to the ballots cast and their scrutiny for the election of the Supreme Pontiff."



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Workers prepare the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican March 11. The newly elected pope will greet the world for the first time from the balcony.



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Cardinal Philippe Barbarin of Lyon, France, exchanges greetings with Ghanaian Cardinal Peter Turkson, president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, as they arrive for the final general congregation meeting in the synod hall at the Vatican March 11.

The 90 include Archbishop Lorenzo Baldisseri, secretary of the College of Cardinals; Msgr. Guido Marini, master of liturgical ceremonies; sacristans and other liturgical assistants; religious-order priests who will serve as the cardinals' confessors during the conclave; the doctors and nurses who will help any cardinal needing it; the elevator operators in the Apostolic Palace; the bus drivers who will take cardinals from their residence to the Sistine Chapel; the head of the Swiss Guards and a major from the corps; the director of the Vatican police and the officers who will watch over the cardinals; and the cooks and cleaning crew from the Domus Sanctae Marthae.

Father Lombardi also said that one tiny change had been made to the list of brief events occurring immediately after a candidate receives two-thirds of the votes in the conclave — 77 votes — and is elected pope.

Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, the top-

ranking cardinal elector, will ask the cardinal if he accepts the election and what name he chooses. At that point, the ballots are burned with chemicals to produce white smoke and announce to the world a successful election.

The pope goes into the so-called "Room of Tears" and dresses in a white cassock and the other papal vestments, then there is a brief prayer ceremony in the Sistine Chapel with the cardinal electors.

Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, the top-ranking cardinal deacon, will go to the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica and announce the election to the crowds in St. Peter's Square.

Before stepping out on to the balcony, Father Lombardi said, the new schedule calls for the new pope to stop in the Pauline Chapel of the Apostolic Palace to pray briefly before the Blessed Sacrament.

Then the pope comes out onto the balcony and gives his first blessing "urbi et orbi" (to the city and the world).

Conscience-protection bill for HHS mandate introduced in House

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Three Republican members of the House of Representatives March 5 introduced a bill to protect conscience rights for both workers in the health care industry and for employers in light of the federal mandate requiring employers to cover contraceptives, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs.

One of the sponsors, Rep. Diane Black, R-Tenn., said it is possible that the bill, the Health Care Conscience Rights Act, could be folded into a continuing resolution being considered by the House to keep the federal government operating beyond March 27.

Two Catholic women who run businesses and who appeared at a March 5 news conference on Capitol Hill said they do not want to be forced to choose between their conscience or their business.

"Nobody should be asked to make that decision," said Christine Ketterhagen, a co-owner of Hercules Industries, a heating and air conditioning company her father founded in Denver 50 years ago that now has operations in five states with 320 employees.

"We went to Catholic schools. Our children went to Catholic schools. Our grandchildren go to Catholic schools," Ketterhagen told Catholic News Service after the news conference. "We're willing to pay for education," she added, but not for contraceptives or other mandated health care coverage that goes against their Catholic faith.

Sister Jane Marie Klein, a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration who is chairperson of the board of Franciscan Alliance, a Midwestern hospital group with 13 hospitals and 3,500 beds that provides an estimated \$171.5 million in charity care and community outreach, told CNS, "All I can say is that we will not violate our conscience."

"I don't want to deal with" the possibility that the chain could be shut or sold, she added, saying she was counting on "good and faithful" people to "uphold our God-given rights."

Sister Jane Marie said, "God is good. He's still in charge. I think He's going to see us through this. We have sisters who are praying 24 hours a day, seven days a week for this — along with the election of a new pope right now."

The Health Care Conscience Rights Act would offer a full exemption from the U.S. Department Health and Human Services' mandate for individuals and health care entities that refuse to provide, pay for, or refer patients to abortion providers because of their religious beliefs. The bill had attracted 50 co-sponsors by the time of its introduction.

The bill would have given recourse to one Catholic nurse forced to participate in a 2009



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Franciscan Sister Jane Marie Klein, who chairs the board of Franciscan Alliance, and Cathy Cenzone-DeCarlo, a registered nurse, listen to a speaker during a March 5 press conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. Speakers discussed proposed legislation to address religious freedom concerns about the Health and Human Services contraceptive mandate.

abortion. Cathy Cenzone-DeCarlo was an operating room nurse in a New York hospital. "They threatened my job and my nursing license" if she did not participate in the abortion, she said.

"I still remember the 22-week-old baby," Cenzone-DeCarlo said. "I had to account for its twisted arms and legs and feet," she added. "I've had nightmares."

She filed suit in both state and federal courts, but was told that, even if her being forced to participate in the abortion was illegal, she had no standing to sue.

Other nurses have been victimized for their beliefs. "Because of my Christian beliefs, I have been laughed at, marginalized and had loss of employment," said Susan Elliott, director of the nursing department at Biola University in California, at the press conference.

Rep. John Fleming, R-La., a co-sponsor of the bill, told the story at the news conference of nine nurses at an unnamed hospital who had lost their jobs for their refusal to participate in abortions. "The nine nurses got their jobs back," Fleming said, "but only after help from their unions."

"I welcome the Health Care Conscience Rights Act and call for its swift passage into law," said a March 5 statement by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty.

"While federal laws are on the books protecting conscience rights in health care, this act would make such protection truly effective," Archbishop Lori said. "This overdue measure is especially needed in light of new challenges to conscience rights arising from the federal health care reform act."

On Feb. 1, HHS issued proposed new rules on the mandate aimed at accommodating objections raised by Catholic institutions that, among others, the exemption

for religious employers was too narrow and that most would be forced to stop providing employee health insurance because they object on moral grounds to the requirement they cover contraception, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs.

HHS removed three conditions that defined religious employers — as groups whose purpose is the inculcation of religious values, who primarily employ persons of the same faith and who serve those of the same faith. The fourth criterion remains: what is a nonprofit organization under specific sections of the Internal Revenue Code.

No exemption, however, will be given to "for-profit, secular employers" whose owners have moral objections to providing the coverage.

Catholic leaders are studying the new proposed rules, but many have said they do not go far enough. HHS is accepting comment on the new proposed rules until April. Final rules are expected by summer.

At the Capitol Hill news conference, the speakers all decried a threat to conscience rights. Sister Jane Marie said her order had come from Germany to the United States 130 years ago in part because of an invitation by a bishop, but also in part because of restrictions to religious freedom being applied then in Germany.

"In the Philippines, I grew up under the (Ferdinand) Marcos regime, where people were afraid to voice their opinions," said Cenzone-DeCarlo, adding she did not know until she woke up each day whether her father, a Marcos opponent, had been kidnapped.

Cenzone-DeCarlo became a U.S. citizen in 2011 because of the nation's constitutional guarantees of religious freedom and freedom of conscience. But with the HHS mandate, she said, it is "not the America of my dreams."



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, March 17, 10 a.m. — Closing Mass of Centennial Year Celebration of Saint Joseph School, Saint Rose of Lima Church, Monroeville
- Monday, March 18, 10 a.m. — Meeting of Bishop's Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, March 19, 9 a.m. — Mass and Pastoral Visit, Saint Joseph High School, South Bend
- Wednesday, March 20, 5:30 p.m. — Meeting of Diocesan Review Board, Holiday Inn Express, Warsaw

Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty Holy Hour

- Our Lady of Good Hope, 7215 Saint Joe Rd., Fort Wayne, will offer a rosary and holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament for religious liberty on Tuesday, March 19, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the church.
- St. Gaspar del Bufalo Church in Rome City has 15 minutes of Eucharistic Adoration after all three weekend Masses during Lent with Confessions heard at that time as well. They pray for the intentions related to the U.S. Bishop's Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty.
- St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Rd, Fort Wayne, has holy hours all Fridays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the chapel.
- Queen of Peace Parish, Mishawaka, has Adoration and Exposition from 3:30-5 p.m. every Saturday of Adoration and Exposition prior to the 5:30 p.m. Mass at 5:30 p.m. The private prayer time is dedicated to the Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty during the Year of Faith.

Bishops say they could not support rewritten Violence Against Women Act

BY CINDY WOODEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Five bishops who lead committees of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said in a joint statement they could not support the rewritten reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, which President Barack Obama signed into law March 7.

The stumbling blocks for the bishops were the references to "sexual orientation" and "gender identity."

"These two classifications are unnecessary to establish the just protections due to all persons. They undermine the meaning and importance of sexual difference," the five bishops said in their March 6 statement, calling the language "problematic." "They are unjustly exploited for purposes of marriage redefinition, and marriage is the only institution that unites a man and a woman with each other and with any children born from their union."

The bishops said the USCCB had supported past versions of the Violence Against Women Act, noting that in its pastoral statement "When I Call for Help," the U.S. bishops had written, "Violence in any form — physical, sexual, psychological or verbal" — is sinful."

The five bishops who issued the statement and the committees they chair are: Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of San Francisco, Subcommittee for the Promotion

and Defense of Marriage; Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, Committee on Migration; and William E. Lori of Baltimore, Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty; and Bishops Stephen E. Blaire of Stockton, Calif., Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development; and Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth.

The bishops also expressed their displeasure with the exclusion of conscience protections for faith-based groups helping trafficking victims, as reauthorization of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act was folded into the bill.

"We strongly supported efforts to include such provisions. Conscience protections are needed in this legislation to ensure that these service providers are not required to violate their bona fide religious beliefs as a condition for serving the needy. Failure to have conscience protection for such service providers undermines a long-held value in our democracy: religious liberty," the bishops said.

Without these protections, the bill "fails to prevent discrimination against faith-based providers of care, such as the USCCB, which for years has provided exceptional service and care to such victims," they said. "In the end, the victims of human trafficking are harmed because organizations such as the USCCB are unable to render services that reach them and serve their human needs."

Good Leaders, Good Shepherds begins curriculum

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Twenty-five priests from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend have embarked on a curriculum for clergy specifically designed to help them overcome today's challenges of a diminishing number and the more complex circumstances for priestly ministry. The curriculum is called Good Leaders, Good Shepherds and is based on using Christ as the ultimate shepherd and model of leadership.

"The impact will be more holy, healthy and happy shepherds of vibrant parish communities, leading more people to a deeper relationship with Christ," reports the Catholic Leadership Institute website, www.catholicleaders.org. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades is a board member of the institute.

"The goal is to minimize the frustration and energy spent on their administrative roles and maximize the joy and time spent on the pastoral duties for which they were uniquely ordained," the institute says.

"In seminary education there is very little attention given to being effective leaders/managers," notes

Father Jason Freiburger, one of the priests who recently attended the fall and winter sessions.

"The three munera (duties) of the ordained are teaching, sanctifying and governing," says Father Freiburger, who is the diocesan vice chancellor. "The first two are given adequate focus, while the duty of governing is neglected. Since we are diocesan priests who will very likely oversee the care of a parish at one time or another, any program designed to assist us in this regard is an incredible asset in which we are privileged to partake."

Father Dave Ruppert, pastor of St. Anthony de Padua Parish in South Bend, says, "I'm basically running a million dollar per year operation for the benefit of some of God's souls who are, as they say, priceless. I want to do the best job that I can for God and Church."

Father Bill Dickinson, the national director of leadership development, says, "Ongoing formation and development is both a responsibility and a privilege that comes with life-long learning. Today, more than ever, our Catholic community needs holy men of God who not only revere their own ministry, but also honor the people of God."



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"We can use this training to communicate the goals and vision of the parish to others."

FATHER DAVE RUPPERT

"Pastoral leadership training gives witness to the good news of the priesthood," he says. "Good Leaders, Good Shepherds is a world-class curriculum that celebrates the ministerial experience of all participants."

"In fact," he notes, "given the demands of ministry and the complexity of running parishes — and for many, multiple parishes — the ability to more effectively lead and invite the leadership of others is paramount to creating and building authentic, vibrant Catholic communities."

"Five contexts for leadership, and five practices in support of

priestly leadership, will be at the core of this ongoing formational opportunity," Father Dickinson says. "Increased confidence and competence in shepherding the people of God is a desired outcome; it is prayerfully supported and celebrated as well."

Father Ruppert says of the benefits of the first session: "It takes two points to travel, a beginning and an end. The first session was where we as leaders are coming from in order to understand how to better get to where we are going as a Church."

Of those benefits, Father Freiburger adds, "Besides the

fraternity that was strengthened among the priests who were able to attend, we learned a bit more about our DISCpositions, values and persona(lities) and how those interplay with those with whom we work and with whom we interact."

He plans to take the things he learned from the first session and incorporate them into his ministry.

"We learned to be more open and attentive to the differences that exist in each individual," Father Freiburger says. "In this way, we can more effectively lead and strengthen others as well in building strong communities of faith not only at our parishes but in the larger community also."

Father Ruppert says, "The training made us more aware of how people communicate in terms of their personalities and values so that we as leaders can communicate more effectively according to other people's preferences. We can use this training to communicate the goals and vision of the parish to others."

As the priests participate in the winter session, Father Ruppert says, "The second session focuses on building relationships with other people which is what communion is all about. It will help us build relationships with individuals as the foundation to building relationships with teams and organizations."

Father Freiburger says he looks most forward to "taking that next step in my own leadership abilities in order to serve God's people better."

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Bills to protect Hoosier children from sexual exploitation clear first hurdle

INDIANAPOLIS — State lawmakers crack down on individuals who perpetrate sex crimes against Hoosier minors by passing a series of bills to protect children from sexual exploitation. The bills cleared their first hurdle when they were passed by the Indiana Senate unanimously at the close of the first-half of the session. The measures move to the Indiana House for further consideration.

The Indiana Senate voted, 47-0, to pass legislation toughening Indiana's child seduction law. State Sen. Phil Boots, R-Crawfordsville, author of the child seduction bill, Senate Bill 53 said, "Indiana's original child seduction law, though clearly well-intentioned, was too limited in its scope and not fully protecting those it was designed to help."

Boots said, "I thank my colleagues for supporting this common-sense initiative to close loopholes in the law and help stop professionals from engaging in inappropriate conduct with young Hoosiers under their care and guidance."

The legislation was prompted by a situation involving a 16-year old adopted boy with emotional

issues who was abducted by a 39-year-old woman, also the victim's counselor from whom he was receiving psychological treatment. The two engaged in sexual activity. Vigo County prosecutor, Terry Modessitt, who testified before a Senate panel in support of the legislation, was approached by the boy's parents and wanted to press charges against the counselor.

To Modessitt's and the parents' surprise, there were no charges to be filed. Indiana's current child seduction law only makes it illegal for school officials to have relations with minors over the age of 16. In Indiana, the charge of child molestation applies when the child is under the age of 14. Sexual misconduct only applies to teens under 16.

Modesitt told lawmakers the only charge that could be filed was "contributing to the delinquency of a minor" which is a misdemeanor. Modesitt said he was frustrated by the lack of clear laws.

Boots' bill, SB 53, makes it a crime for any adult who has a professional relationship with a 16 or 17-year-old to engage in sexual behavior with the teenager, even though the age of consent in

INDIANA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

BRIGID CURTIS AYER

Indiana is 16. The current child seduction law only applies to two specific professions: school officials and military recruiters.

Another measure to protect children from sex crimes expands the human trafficking ban Indiana passed last year. Senate Bill 509, authored by State Sen. John Waterman, R-Shelburn, which passed the Senate, 49-0, builds on the current human trafficking law which was passed last year making it illegal to arrange for a person to participate in any forced sexual act or to arrange for a person younger than 16 to participate in any sexual act.

Waterman said his bill would expand the law's positive impact by increasing the age of protection from human trafficking to 18. He said this change would better align Indiana's law with those of other states and the nation.

"Last year's bill took crucial steps to address human trafficking in our state, and punish the individuals who commit these horrific crimes," Waterman said. "My bill strengthens the law to provide protection for 16- and 17-year-olds as well, sending a strong message that Indiana will not tolerate this type of activity in our communities."

Lawmakers placed the human trafficking ban on the fast track toward passage in 2012 since Indianapolis was hosting the Super Bowl and current law didn't adequately address the problem.

Protecting children from previous sex offenders via the Internet is the aim of another bill passed by the Senate, 49-0. Senate Bill 347, authored by State Sen. Randy Head, R-Logansport, would make it illegal for certain sex offenders whose victims were children to communicate with a minor using a social networking site. It also would increase the penalty for child solicitation to a Class B felony if the person solicits a child online and then travels to meet him or her, or if the person is a repeat offender for child solicitation.

"Communication is changing,

and more young people are using the Internet to interact with their friends," Head said. "Because of that, people who intend to harm children are increasingly using social networking to find potential victims and talk to them. Ultimately, this legislation will help keep our kids safe, both on and offline."

Glenn Tebbe, Indiana Catholic Conference executive director, who serves as the official representative for the Church on public policy matters, said the Church is supportive of legislation to protect children from sexual exploitation. "These bills offer a common-sense approach to protect children from these types of crimes," said Tebbe. "I fully expect the bills to pass the House in the coming weeks and become law this year."

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Founders of SPRED, religious education network for people with developmental disabilities, to receive 2013 Laetare Medal

NOTRE DAME — Sister Susanne Gallagher, Sister Mary Therese Harrington and Father James H. McCarthy, founders of the Special Religious Education Development Network (SPRED), will receive the University of Notre Dame's 2013 Laetare Medal, the oldest and most prestigious honor given to American Catholics, at Notre Dame's 168th University Commencement ceremony Sunday, May 19.

"Sisters Gallagher and Harrington and Father McCarthy have summoned the Church to a crucial and too often overlooked ministry," said Notre Dame's president, Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins. "Insisting that a developmental disability neither tempers Christ's invitation nor restricts one's right to respond, they have ushered countless people to their rightful place at the Eucharistic table."

SPRED's ministry began in 1960, when Father McCarthy, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, began working with parents, special educators and catechist volunteers of several archdiocesan parishes to make Catholic liturgies and catechesis more accessible to children and adult parishioners with developmental disabilities. Sister Harrington, a member of the Society of Helpers, joined him in 1963 to help with catechetical and administrative work, and Sister Gallagher, a member of the Sisters of Providence, joined them in 1967, assisting both with administration and the training of new special cat-

echists.

Energized by the renewed emphasis on catechesis in the wake of the Second Vatican Council, SPRED's ministry expanded beyond Chicago in the 1960s and now the 52-year-old network administers faith formation and sacramental initiation programs for people with special needs in 28 Catholic dioceses and 200 parishes nationwide (including in Notre Dame's own Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend) as well as small faith groups

in several other countries including England, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, South Africa, Malta and Mexico.

According to its mission statement, SPRED's work is premised on a belief that "the Church, the Sacraments and the Love of God are here for all of us. Every man, woman and child has a right to come into the Church and live its liturgy, experience its rich history and traditions, and feel the presence of God in their lives. It is our obliga-

tion as Christians to help as we can to make that right a reality for those with physical, mental, emotional and intellectual challenges."

The Laetare Medal is so named because its recipient is announced each year in celebration of Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent on the Church calendar. "Laetare," the Latin word for "rejoice," is the first word in the entrance antiphon of the Mass that Sunday, which ritually anticipates the celebration of Easter. The medal bears the Latin

inscription, "Magna est veritas et prevalebit" ("Truth is mighty, and it shall prevail").

Established at Notre Dame in 1883, the Laetare Medal was conceived as an American counterpart of the Golden Rose, a papal honor which antedates the 11th century. The medal has been awarded annually at Notre Dame to a Catholic "whose genius has ennobled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the Church and enriched the heritage of humanity."

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Amazing “Before & After” Photo Illustrates Impact of Catholic Outreaches Serving The Poor Overseas

Jim Cavnar looked at the two photographs on this desk and found it hard to believe they were taken of the same boy. One child is gaunt, glassy-eyed and limp in the arms of a caretaker. The other boy is healthy, alert and focused on play.

How could this possibly be the same child — Javier from Honduras?

“We see before and after photos like this often, but I never cease to be amazed by them. It makes you marvel at the human body’s ability to rebound from trauma. It makes you realize that even someone who appears to be at death’s door can be rescued and revitalized,” explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach. “When Javier was brought in to the Prince of Peace Nutrition Center that Cross Catholic Outreach supports, he was 10 months old and weighed less than 9 pounds. The doctors didn’t think he would survive through the week, but the staff at Prince of Peace did a marvelous job in nursing him back to health. The before and after pictures were taken only four months apart — you can see the profound difference their care made for yourself.”

As one of America’s leading Catholic relief agencies, Cross Catholic Outreach is literally in the business of creating success stories like this one in developing countries around the globe. Cross Catholic Outreach achieves this goal by enlisting support from U.S. Catholics who share Cavnar’s concern for the poor and his passion for rescuing children from needless suffering and death. It channels its support through Catholic partners already in place overseas — outreaches like the Prince of Peace Nutrition Center that cared for Javier.

“Prince of Peace is a wonderful organization with a committed staff, but their programs would be paralyzed without



Javier’s “before and after” photos provide a shocking reminder of how the poor live — and how important our help is in their lives.

a regular stock of food, medicines and other supplies. They couldn’t properly feed or care for the children,” Cavnar explained. “Providing those resources is Cross Catholic Outreach’s role. Our support helps them obtain the food and other supplies they need to treat children like Javier. It’s all about teamwork. The churches overseas provide the daily services, and Cross Catholic Outreach and its donors help provide the material resources needed for their outreaches.”

Cavnar is clearly grateful to the American Catholics who have chosen to support the Cross Catholic Outreach’s work. He emphasizes them often, pointing out that they are the real key to every success story.

“Dramatic turn-arounds like Javier’s are only possible because people step forward and offer a helping hand. The donor is the catalyst or trigger. Their financial support is critical in turning a tragic ‘before’ into a

triumphant ‘after’ for a child like Javier. So I don’t take their role lightly. I give the credit where the credit is due — to those who contribute to make success stories like this possible,” Cavnar said. “In the simplest terms, without the donor there wouldn’t be a ‘before and after’ story at all. Javier wouldn’t have recovered. He wouldn’t have survived.”

According to Cavnar, the scope of work being funded by American Catholics has been growing in recent years. As more and more people learn about Cross Catholic Outreach in their local parish or through stories in Catholic newspapers, they add their support, allowing Cross Catholic Outreach to further expand its outreach into new countries, touching more lives.

“With more support from American Catholics, we can take this outreach to whole new levels,” Cavnar said. “When a parish working in the trenches overseas wants to

launch a new feeding center, we can partner with them and supply the food. When a poor rural village is facing problems with an unsafe water source, we can dig the well or tap the spring to bring relief. Whether the need is for a clinic to treat the poor or for a school to serve an impoverished community, we can be there to help.

“Whatever their need, Cross Catholic Outreach has the potential to turn a tragic situation into something wonderful,” he added. “We offer American Catholics the same opportunity. It’s a chance to do something meaningful and profound in God’s name and for His glory.”

Readers interested in supporting Cross Catholic Outreach, can use the brochure inserted in this issue or send tax-deductible gifts to: Cross Catholic Outreach, Dept. AC00977, PO Box 9558, Wilton, NH 03086-9558.

Cross Catholic Now Endorsed by More Than 60 Bishops, Archbishops

As Cross Catholic Outreach continues its range of relief work to help the poor overseas, its efforts are being recognized by a growing number of Catholic leaders in the U.S.

“We’ve received an impressive number of endorsements from American Bishops and Archbishops — more than 60 Catholic leaders at last count,” explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach (CCO). “They’re impressed by the fact that we’ve done outreaches in more than 40 countries and that we undertake a variety of projects; everything from feeding the hungry and housing the homeless to supplying safe water and supporting educational opportunities for the poorest of the poor.”

Archbishop Robert Carlson of St. Louis sent one of the more recent letters of encouragement, writing: “It is my hope that this ministry will continue to

flourish and reach as many people as possible. I will inform the priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis of the important work that Cross Catholic Outreach does and elicit their prayerful and financial support for the service you provide to the less fortunate around the world.”

In addition to praising the work CCO accomplishes, many of the Bishops and Archbishops are also impressed by the unique collaborative relationship Cross Catholic Outreach has with the Pontifical Council *Cor Unum* in Rome. This allows the charity to participate in the mercy ministries of the Holy Father himself. In his praise of CCO, **Archbishop Dennis Schnurr of Cincinnati** underscored this unique connection.

“Cross Catholic Outreach’s close collaboration with the Pontifical Council *Cor Unum* is a source of encouragement,” the Archbishop said. “The Holy See has unique



knowledge of local situations throughout the world through its papal representatives in nearly two hundred countries and through its communications with Bishops and others who care for the poor and needy in every corner of the world.”

CCO president, Jim Cavnar, explained the significance of this connection.

“Our collaboration with *Cor Unum* allows us to fund outreaches in virtually any area of the world and we have used that method in special cases — to help the victims of natural disasters, for example,” he said. “It only represents a small part of our overall ministry, but it can be a very important benefit in those situations.”

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U.S. Catholics “Spark A Miracle” — Ultimately Blessing Families On Other Side Of The Globe

In the stifling heat of a Mozambique summer dawn, the shrill cry of a hungry baby startles the young man from his dreamless sleep.

It is still dark outside the flimsy hut, and his body screams for more sleep. But there are hungry children who will soon awaken, and he needs to prepare what little food is available. Suppressing the momentary temptation to escape from the overwhelming responsibility of this new day, he takes the baby a rusty cup half-filled with the last of the milk.

He still grieves the loss of the baby's mother, and wishes she were here to help him. It isn't a selfish wish. At age 14, Camal Tila only wants what any young teenager in Mozambique would crave — a few less responsibilities, more time with his friends in the village and a decent education, the starting point for greater opportunities in his life. He wasn't yet ready for this role of head of household to his younger siblings.

Camal Tila, whose own father, mother and three younger siblings all died of AIDS within the last six years, now cares for 12 younger siblings and child relatives, including his baby sister. Hardly beyond childhood himself, Camal must now struggle to keep the family intact and alive. His dreams of independence and a family of his own fade with each passing day, leaving him to pray for a miracle and some small beacon of hope.

“Tragically, Camal's heartbreaking story is repeated across much of Africa, where AIDS is decimating the population in many countries — and we are determined to help as many of these poor orphans as possible,” explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach, one of the nation's leading relief ministries to the poor. “Thankfully, it's possible for us to make a difference. Serving as a tool in God's hands, we can help answer the prayers of these children — spark a miracle, if you will, on their behalf.”

As Cavnar explains it, the “miracle” came to the Tila family through the generosity of American Catholics who responded to Cross Catholic Outreach's plea for help in diocesan newspapers and on Catholic radio.

“We explained the plight of the children and the contributions we received enabled us to partner with a Catholic orphan-care ministry in Mozambique called Reencontro. Among other things, the support allowed us to build a safe, concrete block house for Camal and his family, and to supply food and medical care to meet their basic human needs,” Cavnar said. “Providing mentoring and building simple houses to keep orphan families together is just one of several creative solutions that Reencontro has employed since its inception, when a devout Catholic woman, Olinda Mugabe, was compelled by a love of Christ to do what she could for the orphans in Mozambique. She and her group are a treasure and a blessing to the poor, and it's our privilege to help them with their outreach.”



Camal (at right) is just one of thousands of orphans who have been helped by Cross Catholic Outreach. The orphan housing program is particularly effective — it allows entire families of orphans to stay together.

Describing the support provided by Cross Catholic Outreach as “help” is an understatement. When the ministry first encountered Reencontro, it served 600 to 700 children. The support from Cross Catholic Outreach has allowed the group to expand its capacity significantly in a few short years — it now is a lifeline to more than 7,000 children like Camal. For this, Cavnar again credits the many American Catholics who make up the Cross Catholic family of benefactors.

“You could say that Cross Catholic Outreach is one of God's funnels. He pours resources through us to help the poorest and neediest people on earth. The orphan crisis in Africa staggers our imagination and at times almost defies belief. But we remember that this is God's work and we are simply His channel. So we continue to do everything we can with the gifts God gives us,” he says. “Seeing things this way also helps us to keep the correct perspective on our work. Helping just one orphan family may not seem like a world-changing accomplishment to a skeptic... but we know Camal Tila and his brothers and sisters. We know that the help they received changed their world forever, and we can celebrate that human triumph.”

Ultimately, the goals of Cross Catholic Outreach are to further expand its outreach to AIDS orphans through other partnering ministries and to avoid putting these children in institutions if at all possible. As Cavnar explains, “keeping orphans in their own culture and in the homes of relatives or family friends is really the best option, and most Catholic ministries are committed to that strategy. That's why we give a priority

to supporting organizations that integrate orphaned children into existing families within their own villages or districts.”

The problem is that most poor African families are already struggling under the weight of poverty and find it difficult to add one more mouth to feed, let alone two or three. If they hesitate to accept another child, it isn't because they are unwilling — they are simply unable to make ends meet on their already limited resources.

One director of a program in Zambia described how ministries found a solution: “We have made the care of orphans a partnership in which we all share the responsibility and burden. We assure the families that if they will provide basic shelter, we will provide what they can't give the children: the extra food, the access to health care, additional clothing and fees and supplies needed to provide an education.”

Because the costs are shared, the amount needed to provide food, clothing, health care, education or other services is surprisingly small — just \$68 per child per year!

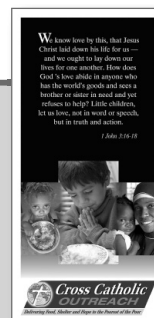
“It is amazing what can be done for so little. Most people are also shocked to learn how little it can cost to supply a house and keep a family of orphans together. It's just \$3,500 to \$5,000 to build a multi-room,

cement-block house,” Cavnar said. “This is another value to working through partnering African ministries run predominately by volunteers. It allows you to stretch donated dollars and have a bigger impact in the lives of the poor.”

“I hope every American Catholic who has supported us in this outreach will join me today in celebrating Camal's new home and the hope it represents for that family of orphans. I hope they will see it for what it was — an act of God's mercy made possible by God's faithful people. And I hope they will see it as one significant step in a greater, more wide-reaching plan,” he added. “We celebrate one victory, knowing that scores of other children have yet to be helped. And we can do that because we have no doubt that God will touch other hearts to respond generously, answering the prayers of other children like Camal. There is no more compassionate body of believers than the Catholic Church, and I am confident my Catholic brothers and sisters in the U.S. will continue to respond where the needs are greatest. Jesus came to save the whole world, one lost soul at a time. He is our example, so we will never lose heart.”

How to Help:

Your help is needed for Cross Catholic Outreach to bring Christ's mercy to the poorest of the poor. To make a donation, use the enclosed postage-paid brochure or mail a gift to: Cross Catholic Outreach, Dept. AC00977, PO Box 9558, Wilton, NH 03086-9558.



Cardinal Dolan to deliver Notre Dame commencement address

NOTRE DAME — Cardinal Timothy Dolan, archbishop of New York and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, will be the principal speaker and the recipient of an honorary degree at the University of Notre Dame's 168th Commencement Ceremony on May 19.

"Over the past several years, I have had the honor and pleasure of getting to know Cardinal Dolan," said Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, Notre Dame's president. "He is a man of great intelligence and personal warmth, and a dedicated shepherd of the Church. We were pleased to have him here in 2011 to give the inaugural lecture for the Notre Dame Project on Human Dignity, and we are grateful that he has accepted our invitation to join us in celebrating the achievements of our students and to provide them with words of wisdom as they set out into the world."

Cardinal Dolan was named archbishop of New York by Pope Benedict XVI on Feb. 23, 2009, after serving for the previous seven years as archbishop of Milwaukee. He was elected president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on Nov. 16, 2010. Pope Benedict elevated him to cardinal on Jan. 6, 2012.

Born Feb. 6, 1950, Cardinal Dolan began his high school seminary education in 1964 at St. Louis Preparatory Seminary South in the St. Louis suburb of Shrewsbury, Mo. His seminary foundation continued at Cardinal Glennon College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy. He then completed his priestly formation at the Pontifical North American College in Rome where he earned a license in sacred theology at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas.

Cardinal Dolan was ordained



CARDINAL TIMOTHY DOLAN

to the priesthood on June 19, 1976. He then served as associate pastor at Immacolata Parish in Richmond Heights, Mo., until 1979 when he began studies for

a doctorate in American Church history at The Catholic University of America. His doctoral dissertation is on the life and ministry of the late Archbishop Edwin

O'Hara, a founder of the Catholic Biblical Association.

On his return to St. Louis, Cardinal Dolan served in parish ministry from 1983 to 1987, dur-

ing which time he also was liaison for the late Archbishop John L. May in the restructuring of the college and theology programs of the archdiocesan seminary system.

In 1987, Cardinal Dolan was appointed to a five-year term as secretary to the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington, D.C. When he returned to St. Louis in 1992, he was appointed vice rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, serving also as director of spiritual formation and professor of church history. He also was an adjunct professor of theology at Saint Louis University.

In 1994, he was appointed rector of the Pontifical North American College in Rome where he served until June 2001. While in Rome, he also served as a visiting professor of Church history at the Pontifical Gregorian University and as a faculty member in the Department of Ecumenical Theology at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas. His work in the area of seminary education has influenced the life and ministry of a great number of priests of the new millennium.

On June 19, 2001 — the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood — then Father Dolan was named the auxiliary bishop of St. Louis by Pope John Paul II.

Cardinal Dolan served as chairman of Catholic Relief Services from January 2009 to November 2010. He currently is a member of the board of trustees of The Catholic University of America and a member of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization and the Pontifical Council for Social Communications.

The 2013 University Commencement Ceremony will take place in Notre Dame Stadium beginning at 9 a.m.

Deacon with healing ministry visits during 40 Days for Life

BY JILL BOUGHTON

SOUTH BEND — Deacon Vince Ricciardi and five other people will bring their healing ministry to the brand-new Life Center on Ironwood Circle in South Bend March 19-21. Relics of St. Faustina, St. Padre Pio and Blessed Seelos will accompany the team.

Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. every evening, with a homily, sacramental anointing and prayers for healing. The sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. These special events are part of the ongoing 40 Days for Life.

Based in New Jersey's Divine Mercy center, Deacon Vince has traveled all over the world, including Belize, Italy, Portugal,

Trinidad and Israel. His hope for the visit to South Bend is straightforward, that "whoever needs healing will come."

A self-described "street kid" from Newark, N.J., Ricciardi grew up Italian Catholic, but first encountered the Lord in a powerful way when he was wounded in Vietnam. On May 28, 1968, his father's birthday, he died on the table during field surgery and had an out-of-body experience, which enabled him later to recount the words of the doctors working on him. Told it wasn't his time to die, he was sent back into his body, which remained in a coma for about a month. Meanwhile, his family had been notified he was killed in action, even though no body was recovered. When he telephoned in June, they thought they were hearing a ghost.

Back home, Ricciardi met and married Daisy, his wife of 44

years. He became one of the first extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, though he had a hard time overcoming the nun-instilled fear of touching the host. His first outreach was a Cub Scout pack his eldest son wanted to join if a leader could be found. After Ricciardi volunteered, the pack grew from eight boys to 150, who all earned their religious medals (Parvuli Dei and Ad Altare Dei) under his tutelage. Those Cub Scouts still contact him from time to time.

When he bought a farm, Ricciardi moved from Scouting to 4-H and the Knights of Columbus. When a priest suggested he pray about becoming a deacon, he laughed. He got cold feet six months short of ordination and didn't return to the program for 10 years, being ordained in 2005.

His spiritual director, Father

Brendan Williams, introduced Ricciardi to the charismatic renewal and told him he'd have a ministry to the sick and dying. Ricciardi considered this improbable, but he was soon nursing his dying mother. At 2 a.m. one morning he woke up and told his wife she had breast cancer and needed to see a doctor right away.

"How did you know?" asked the doctor who discovered a very aggressive form of cancer that would have been fatal had it not been caught so early. "Did you feel a lump?"

Ricciardi shook his head. It was a word of knowledge from the Holy Spirit. This happens so often when he prays over someone for healing that the working title for the book being written about miracles of healing is "Deacon, How Do You Know?"

The first person he prayed over was a young girl with back

pain. He told her that the family situation whose stress was causing the pain was about to improve. "Who told you about that?" she asked.

Deacon Ricciardi has experienced many miracles of healing, but he also treasures the times when he has been able to witness the miracle of a holy death. He talks about two preschool-age children from Florida, Bella and Anna, one healed of neuroblastoma, the other of leukemia. "Bella's so filled with the Holy Spirit, she should be praying over me," he claims.

Located next to the abortion clinic, the Life Center already houses Right to Life of St. Joseph County. It includes an Adoration Chapel and will soon provide adoption services. Healing prayer seems a fitting inauguration for its life-affirming work.

Parish Mission at St. Mary of the Assumption

AVILLA — St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 228 N. Main St., will have a parish mission Sunday, March 17, through Wednesday, March 20, from 7-8 p.m. at the church. The overall theme is "We Walk by Faith," and the nightly topics are faith, prayer, Reconciliation and the Eucharist. There will be different speakers each evening. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Tuesday with several priests hearing confessions. The Eucharist will be celebrated on Wednesday evening.

Fundraiser benefits Teach on the Beach program

FORT WAYNE — In June a group of young adults from Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger high schools will be traveling from Fort Wayne to spend their summer in Ghana, West Africa, volunteering through a nonprofit organization called Teach on the Beach.

The public is invited on March 23 to the second annual silent auction and "Taste of Fort Wayne" fundraiser.

This year it will be held at the Scout Conference Center, 2300 Meyer Rd., from 6-9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door and include drinks and food. Also, the evening will feature live music from local group, Hope Arthur and friends, silent auction items and a chance to taste food from many restaurants in the community such as Don Halls, Calhoun Street Soups, Salads, and Spirits, Nine Mile, Wings Etc., Waynedale Bakery, Wrigley Field Bar and Grill, Magdalena Cupcakery and Rack and Helens — all while supporting Teach on the Beach and these young volunteers.

All proceeds from the evening will support the service experience of the Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger students traveling to Ghana.

Teach on the Beach is a nonprofit dedicated to creating sustainable education in places where it does not exist, particularly a small fishing village, Busua, on the coast of Ghana in West Africa. It is through Teach on the Beach that volunteers from all over the world travel to Ghana to develop and maintain educational programs which include: teaching in the local village school, running an afterschool program for all ages and supporting the young adults of the community with an evening program called News Hour.

News Hour is a student-run program aimed at exposing young adults to current events through the news and giving them the tools they need to think critically, form opinions and become contributing members of their society. Since Teach on the Beach started in 2010, it has hosted over 75 volunteers from various countries around the world and has logged over 10,000 service hours. In 2013, 20 percent of the volunteers from the previous year will be returning to work with nearly 200 children in the village of Busua.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

GUITAR STUDENTS PERFORM AT GUITAR RECITAL



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The students of the St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School Guitar Class performed at a guitar recital March 1 for families and friends at St. Joseph Church on Brooklyn Avenue in Fort Wayne.

Twelve St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School students, plus two St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School alumni, Matthew Anderson and Andy Mauch, played lively contemporary rock songs as well as songs played in church for their families and friends. The extracurricular guitar class is taught by Ken Jehle, who is also music director at St. Joseph Parish.

Bishop Luers announces a new scholarship fund

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School hosted its annual Winter Homecoming on Friday, Feb. 1. During the varsity boys' basketball game, the alumni staff recognized Franciscan Father Fred Link, past friars and the performing arts alumni from 1970-1984.

At the reception following the games, Alumnus Ken Harkenrider announced the establishment of the Father Fred Link, OFM Franciscan Spirit Scholarship. As a teacher, director and mentor Father Fred had a positive influence on the students at Bishop Luers. He has made a significant difference in their lives and the lives of their families. Bishop Luers High School wants to continue his Franciscan spirit and influence by offering a scholarship to help Bishop Luers students receive a Catholic education.

Father Link joined the Bishop Luers faculty in 1970 as a theology and music teacher. From there he became the band director and choir director and then he was principal. Some of the strong traditions that Father Fred had a hand in forming include hosting the very first show choir invitational in the nation at Bishop Luers High School; organizing the school's first Walk-a-Thon;

formulating the important words which are shared with everyone to this day — Luers Spirit; approving the move to build the current football field; and being instrumental in starting LuersKnight, which is in its 33rd year of existence

Other guests attending the Winter Homecoming were Franciscan Father Carl Langenderfer, Franciscan Father Carl Hawver, Franciscan Brother Tim Sucher, Providence Sister Mary Ann Fox and many alumni.

Tuition, room and board rates for 2013-14 announced

NOTRE DAME — The Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees recently approved a 4 percent increase in tuition, fees, room and board for the 2013-14 academic year.

Tuition and fees are set at \$34,600 with room and board set at \$10,560. Tuition, room, and board comprises 80 percent of the college's operating revenue. The remaining 20 percent is supported by gifts from Saint Mary's generous alumnae and friends and by earnings of the college's endowment.

Saint Mary's is working hard to increase this revenue. In fact,

one of the major goals of the \$80 million Faith Always, Action Now Campaign for Saint Mary's, launched publicly last month, is to increase the endowment and grow Annual Fund gifts.

The 2013-14 charges permit the college to sustain and enhance its strong academic offerings and maintain campus facilities. The college remains committed to supporting its many innovative educational programs and a first-rate faculty.

Spa Day to benefit Hannah's House

GRANGER — A day at the spa will support Hannah's House on Sunday, March 17, at Masters Salon, 14500 Indiana 23, Suite 4.

For \$20 participants will receive their choice of a designer haircut, spa manicure, express pedicure, or an upper body massage from 12-5 p.m.

The fundraiser will include raffles and refreshments. Reservations are preferred but walk-ins are welcome. Call (574) 277-6721 to make an appointment.

All proceeds will benefit Hannah's House, the Maternity Home with a Heart, in Mishawaka.

This year Hannah's House will celebrate its 20th anniversary

by dedicating a second home for expecting mothers. A house has already been donated and will be able to serve about 20 women each year once an additional \$200,000 in annual financial support is secured.

Hannah's House is dedicated to providing a safe home, emotional support and programming to assist pregnant women of all ages. For more information or to make a gift, go online to www.maternityhome-withaheart.org or call (574) 254-5309.

Gretchen Crowe named editor of OSV Newsweekly

HUNTINGTON (CNS) — Gretchen Crowe has been named the new editor of *OSV Newsweekly*, the nation's largest national Catholic weekly newspaper.

Greg Erlandson, president and publisher of Our Sunday Visitor Publishing, announced the appointment. He called Crowe "a bright light in Catholic journalism" who is perfectly suited to the challenges of Catholic publishing in the 21st century.

"Gretchen has the kind of background we value so much," Erlandson said in a Feb. 28 statement. "She has been trained in the craft of journalism at one of the top journalism schools in the country. She has grass-roots experience in evangelization and ministry, has worked at one of the best diocesan newspapers in the country, and has a passion for social media and the web."

"She appreciates the big picture and the local details," he added.

Crowe was most recently senior staff writer and photographer at the *Arlington Catholic Herald*, newspaper of the Diocese of Arlington, Va., where she served for almost nine years. She has won numerous awards for writing and photography, including a first-place award from the Catholic Press Association last year for her reporting on World Youth Day.

She succeeds John Norton, who last September left the Catholic press to take a management job in private industry in Southern California. Sarah Hayes, now *OSV Newsweekly's* executive editor, served as interim editor.

Crowe has wide experience in social media and the Internet. She helped redesign the *Arlington Catholic Herald's* print edition and website, and helped develop its social media presence.

Crowe graduated with a bachelor's degree in journalism and mass communication from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, with a minor in French. While at college, Crowe was active in its Newman Center, overseeing liturgy, retreats and faith formation. After graduation, she spent a year of service working in the campus ministry program at Duke University.

"I'm so thrilled to have the opportunity to be a part of the Our Sunday Visitor team," Crowe said in a statement. "*OSV Newsweekly* has a rich history with a long tradition of excellence in serving the church. I look forward to the challenge of maintaining that excellence in an increasingly digital and diverse world."



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Facebook page encourages prayer, sacrifice for life, marriage, religious liberty

WASHINGTON — In this Year of Faith, join the bishops and Catholics throughout the United States in praying for the renewal of a culture of life and marriage and for protection of religious liberty and conscience rights.

January 2013 marked the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade; June 2013 could see important decisions on marriage by the Supreme Court; and August 1, 2013 is the date when the Department of Health and Human Services says many religious organizations must comply with its contraceptive/sterilization mandate. All three of these events merit focused prayer and sacrifice.

In particular, all are encouraged to prepare prayerfully for the second annual Fortnight for Freedom, to be held June 21 to July 4, 2013. (The Call to Prayer will continue until the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Nov. 24, 2013).

There are five ways to participate:

- Host or attend a Holy Hour on the last Sunday of each month
- Pray the rosary every day
- Fast and abstain from meat on Fridays: Sign the pledge at www.usccb.org/fast, and sign up for weekly intentions by email (www.usccb.org/fast) or by text message (text "FAST" to 99000).

- Pray specific Prayers of the Faithful at daily and Sunday Masses
- Participate in the Second Fortnight for Freedom in June/July 2013

The Facebook page invites participants to comment how they, their parish or diocese is participating in the Call to Prayer.

Resources for the Call to Prayer can be found at www.usccb.org/life-marriage-liberty. These include a template and suggested dates for a Holy Hour, suggested Prayers of the Faithful, a one-page flyer about the Call to Prayer, and more.



Medjugorje

2013 National Conference

University of Notre Dame

May 24, 25, and 26

Speakers include



Father Larry Richards is a gifted and captivating speaker, preacher, retreat master, and author. He has conducted hundreds of retreats and parish missions for young and old alike. His inspirational talks, presentations, and books have changed the hearts, minds, and lives of millions of listeners and readers worldwide. Father Richards is the founder of The Reason for Our Hope Foundation and the author of *Be a Man! Becoming the Man God Created You to Be*.

Tim Francis was a cultural "go through the motions" Catholic in his youth. Then he read and was deeply affected by the book *Reason to Believe*, which tells how science and Eucharistic miracles confirm the church's belief in the Real Presence. Filled with conviction to increase devotion to the Eucharist, he founded You Shall Believe Ministries. Tim now travels around the country conducting very powerful Eucharistic retreats.



Michael O'Brien was given a written message from Vicka on his first visit to Medjugorje in 1988 that said he was to use his musical talent to bring people back to the faith—a mission that he readily accepted. Since then he has performed at more than eighty Catholic conferences and over six hundred events in major city arenas and small-town churches across North America. His *Sounds of Medjugorje* album has sold over half a million copies.

Daniel Klimek described himself as a "lukewarm" Catholic until he read one of Wayne Weible's books on Medjugorje. It changed his life and he developed a passion to bring Medjugorje into his academic life. With degrees from DePaul University and Yale Divinity School, he is now studying at Catholic University of America and hopes to make the scientific studies of the Medjugorje visionaries the subject of his doctoral dissertation. He is the editor of the Medjugorje Today website.



Father Jozo Grbes joined the Franciscan order in 1986 and studied in Bosnia-Herzegovina, England, and the United States. A young man when the apparitions started thirty-two years ago, Father Grbes has studied the Medjugorje messages closely and will speak about the importance of being faithful apostles of Our Lady's urgent call to conversion and peace. Father Grbes currently serves in Chicago as pastor of St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Church.

Sue Ristau credits her 2005 pilgrimage to Medjugorje and her attendance at many of the Medjugorje conferences at Notre Dame with the many blessings and miracles in her life. Her daily visits with Jesus at holy adoration have led her to write a soon-to-be-published book, *The Forgotten Way*. This will be the sixth year that Sue and her husband Rob have brought a full busload of people from Green Bay, WI, to the Medjugorje conference at Notre Dame.



Christina Georgotas was working for a New York film company when she saw a YouTube video of an apparition to Mirjana. It touched her deeply and she got the faith back that she had lost in high school. She then quit her job and went to work putting together a documentary film on Medjugorje. The film is titled *Queen of Peace* and is now being shown in parishes around the country.

Jana Prudka is a student and a scholar from the Czech Republic who has been working in Medjugorje over the last few years as a Russian translator. Jana has stories to tell about life-changing conversions in Medjugorje, including the conversion of a large number of abortion doctors from the Ukraine. Jana recently started a Light of Mary house in the Ukraine where young people who want to give a period of their lives to God can live as a family according to the messages of Our Lady.



Father Petar Ljubcic, OFM, is the priest who will reveal the Medjugorje secrets to the world. He has expressed interest in coming as a speaker, but he is beginning a new assignment and will not be able to give a definite answer until the end of March. We will post his response on our website, www.QueenofPeaceMinistries.com, as soon as we hear from him.

Conference Schedule

Friday, May 24

5:00 pm...Doors open
7:00 pm...Conference begins
Guest speaker
Candlelight rosary procession to the Lourdes Grotto

Saturday, May 25

7:15 am...Doors open
8:00 am...Morning session
Holy Mass
Procession and Consecration
Guest speakers (all sessions)
1:30 pm...Afternoon session
7:00 pm...Evening session
Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Sunday, May 26

7:15 am...Doors open
8:30 am...Morning session
Guest speakers
1:00 pm...Holy Mass
2:30 pm...Conference ends

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Quid est in nomine? Latin name is first clue to new pope's identity

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The first clue to the identity of the new pope will be the announcement of his first name — in Latin, in the accusative case.

If he is not the one chosen, French Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, the top-ranked cardinal-deacon, will say, in Latin, "I announce to you a great joy. We have a pope: His most Eminent and Reverend Lordship, Lord ..." followed by the Latin version of the chosen cardinal's first name.

If Cardinal Tauran says, "Lord Odilonem" everyone would know the new pope was Brazilian Cardinal Odilo Scherer of Sao Paulo. They would not have to wait for Cardinal Tauran to announce the new pope's last name.

But if he says "Lord Angelum," it would not necessarily mean the new pope was the media-touted Italian Cardinal Angelo Scola of Milan; there are three other Italian cardinals also named Angelo.

If the cardinal says "Ioannem," things would be much more complicated. Fifteen cardinals' names begin Juan, Jean or Giovanni, the equivalent of John.

Five cardinals' first names are variations of Iosephum (Joseph), five are named Franciscum (Francis) and five have names beginning Antonium (Anthony).

Only two are named after the

apostle Peter, Petrum, and three after the apostle Paul, Paulum.

The 115 cardinals who will enter the Sistine Chapel for the conclave include four named Georgium or George and three who would be called Carolum, like Blessed John Paul II, the former Karol Wojtyla.

There are limits to translation possibilities: Lithuanian Cardinal Audrys Juozas Backis of Vilnius would be called Audrys and Maronite Patriarch Bechara Rai would be either Bachara or Becharam.

When the Vatican's Office of Latin Letters is called upon to write a letter in Latin to one of the cardinals, the "Acta Apostolicae Sedis," the book of official acts of the Holy See, is the go-to place for which version of their name to use. The volumes for 1909 through the end of 2012 are online on the Vatican website.

Apparently, though, it is not always that easy. Indian Cardinal Basileos Cleemis Isaac Thottunkal, major archbishop of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, has been referred to both as Basilius Clementem and Isaac.

It also is possible that Cardinal Tauran will not use the accusative case when he announces the name. He could say, "Marcus" instead of "Marcum" if the cardinals choose Canadian Cardinal Marc Ouellet, who has been prefect of the Congregation for Bishops.

The shrouded sorrow of miscarriage

Spring is in the air where I live and there seems to be a rash of new pregnancies among the adult children of many of my friends and coworkers. We have frequently come together to congratulate each other on the new grandchildren to be born who will bring new life to our families, and catch up on how each mom-to-be is faring.

But recently our gathering took a traumatic turn when we learned that one of our friend's daughter had miscarried just days before. The joy we've worn on our sleeves for each new life suddenly dimmed as our hearts wrenched in sadness for the new mom-to-be in her loss. "How is she?" we all asked. Our friend simply said she was okay physically, but still "kind of stunned." She observed that with pain medication her daughter was a little calmer now. She seemed "cried out for the moment — like I am," our friend finally admitted

numbly.

I have not experienced a miscarriage, but my mother's heart tells me this grief is like no other. Frequently in our mourning-avoidant culture supporters might say that we never really knew the tiny soul that lived such a short life in utero, so there is really nothing to grieve. "It's no big deal, you can have other kids," they sometimes add, unaware of the consequences of such a statement.

Those who have experienced this kind of loss know that there is much to grieve.

The infant that grows inside a woman, even without being seen or held, is very real from the moment she discovers she carries this God-given treasure. She bonds with the baby in ways only a mother can, dreaming of a bright future of happy milestones and successes for her charge. As her body changes to accommodate the growth of new



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life, she plans not only for the physical birth of her little one, but for his or her entire life's path.

So when her baby dies during a miscarriage, she grieves not only for the loss of her offspring, but for all the future hopes she held in her heart as well. Many young mothers have the compassionate support that allows for public mourning and are able to move through their pain by embracing the hard work of mourning. They may have

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Renounce sin and turn to Christ



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

5th Sunday of Lent Jn 8:1-11

The Book of Isaiah supplies the first reading for this weekend in Lent. The reading is from the second part of Isaiah, written at a time that was not the best period in the history of God's people.

The people had been rescued from exile. They, or their parents or grandparents, had survived the conquest of the Hebrew kingdoms by the Babylonians, the conquest that led to the exile.

By no means was all well, however. The land was not overflowing with milk and honey. To the contrary, it was lifeless and absent of yield. This starkness easily prompted people to be cynical and to deny that God cared for the people, the tendency even to say that God did not exist.

With great power and clarity, this section of Isaiah insists that God will make all right. He is almighty. He will not forsake the people. He will cause rivers of life-giving water to flow through the arid land.

For the second reading, the Church presents a passage from the Epistle to the Philippians. The Christians of Philippi had this in common with Christians living in every other major city of the Roman Empire. They were few in number, by comparison, and their

devotion to Christ drew them into a lifestyle and way of thinking utterly opposite the culture. Furthermore, hostility, official and unofficial, engulfed them.

So, this epistle, as the other epistles, encouraged but also challenged the Christians. It is eloquent in its message, using the imagery of racing. Paul says that he has not yet finished the race, but he has his eyes on one sight alone, namely the finish line. When he crosses this line, in other words when he dies an earthly death, he will have won because he will enter life everlasting.

For its third reading this weekend, the Church gives us a selection from John's Gospel. John's Gospel is a literary gem. It tells its version of the life and teaching of Jesus with remarkable brilliance and appeal. Important to this appeal is the Gospel's clarity and pathos.

Certainly such is the case in this reading. The danger before the woman, and the mercy of God in Christ, are so evident.

By way of explanation, the woman had been caught in the act of adultery. Jewish law and custom were very hard on adulterers, not to victimize women, but rather to secure the racial integrity of the people who were chosen to be God's special people. If an adulterous woman gave birth to a child, conceived outside her marriage, then fraud would taint the family's line of descent, and the identity of the people might be in jeopardy. Ultimately, it was a trick. The opponents of Jesus knew that to show mercy to the woman would be in accord with the Lord's teaching, yet any semblance of downplaying her misconduct would appear to

disregard the law of Moses and ancient Jewish custom.

Fearlessly, Jesus came to the woman's rescue by forgiving her. He also upheld the sinfulness of adultery by admonishing her not to sin again.

Reflection

Next weekend, the Church will observe Palm Sunday. Only two weeks of Lent remain.

The Church urges us that there is still time to repent and to refine our determination to follow Christ. Our own sins haunt us. Temptations still may be strong. We know our imperfections quite well. Abandoning them will not be easy. This reading tells us that Christ will forgive all, even terrible sins. He will strengthen us, support us, and protect us if we endeavor not to sin again.

Sin is real. So is divine mercy. God will help us to renounce sin and to turn to Christ. Nothing else matters. We need the Lord. He awaits us.

READINGS

Sunday: Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Ps 23:1-6 Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56

'Neither do I condemn you'

One of the world's poorest countries, Pakistan is vulnerable to a range of natural and manmade disasters, including earthquakes, droughts, floods, landslides and civil conflict. A lack of clean water is a particularly serious problem in the rural areas of Pakistan.

CRS works with local partners to ensure that communities have access to clean, safe water sources both for domestic and economic use. By engaging in water consumption in as efficient and effective way as possible, farmers in Pakistan are protecting and preserving the environment for themselves and for future generations.

Pray

In your prayer this week, reflect on the ways that God has invited you to bend down in humility to learn important truths about yourself and the world. How has God been waiting for you in places you did not want to explore? Pray on the ground this week, on your knees perhaps, to get a feel for the humility that opens doors to the voice of God.

Fast

In your fast this week, avoid judging and condemning others. Instead, consider your own broken relationships and make efforts to begin the humble work of reconciliation.

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Give

In communities blessed with healthy sanitation and water delivery systems, a glass of clean water is typically just a short walk away, flowing from a tap or drinking fountain. And while the water running from our faucets is very clean and costs just pennies a serving, we are often tempted to buy it in multiple plastic bottles, which cost much more to produce and often make their way to landfills. This week, fill a reusable bottle with water to carry with you, and place what you could have spent on bottled water in your Rice Bowl.

To order free materials for CRS Rice Bowl, visit crsricebowl.org or crsplatooarroz.org, or call (800) 222-0025. For more information about Catholic Relief Services contact Melissa Wheeler at mwheeler@bishopdwenger.com or (260) 496-4700, ext. 323.

Gratitude for the outpouring of love

A most sincere thank you to all the priests, people and laity of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for the outpouring of love shown at the wake and funeral of my beloved brother, John. I will never forget the many people who came to pay tribute and thanks.

He loved every part of the diocese. I experienced how that love was returned.

I am grateful to Bishop Rhoades

for his sensitive and compassionate presence during my brother's illness and death. I want to thank Maureen Schott for her extraordinary service to Bishop John. I appreciate the wonderful coverage in *Today's Catholic*.

I have lost a wonderful brother, but am comforted by many great memories, so many of which were from times in Indiana.

Blessings to all,
Sister Anne D'Arcy, C.S.J.

Saint of the Week

Patrick

c. 389-461
March 17



The patron of Ireland, this bishop was born in Roman Britain, kidnapped at 16 by Irish raiders and sold into slavery in Ireland. He was a lonely shepherd for six years before escaping and returning home. But his dream of converting the Irish pagans propelled him to priestly studies in Gaul (now France), and about 432 Pope Celestine I consecrated him bishop and sent him to Ireland. For nearly 30 years he preached tirelessly, made countless converts, founded monasteries and established the primatial see at Armagh. Toward the end of his life he made a 40-day retreat in Mayo that gave rise to the famous ongoing Croagh Patrick pilgrimages. Stories of him using the shamrock to explain the Trinity and driving snakes from the island are legend.

Gratitude for meaningful funeral for Bishop D'Arcy

Thank you for all the tributes *Today's Catholic* gave to our brother, Bishop John M. D'Arcy. The Feb. 17 issue followed everything that happened from South Bend to Fort Wayne until the committal in the crypt. Thank you for the picture of the football captains who were pallbearers.

The insert booklet was especially poignant for us. One of the sisters from Boston who knew Bishop John well and attended the funeral told us she did not cry until she sat down and read *Today's Catholic*.

We wish to thank everyone who made the funeral so beautiful. Bishop Rhoades who supported everything Bishop John wanted, including liturgy in South Bend and Fort Wayne and the day of prayer where we met so many people both Catholic and non-Catholic; Msgr. Schulte, the rector of the cathedral, who seemed to take care of every-

thing; Sean McBride, the director of communications. He coordinated all the media and arranged to have the funeral streamed live over the Internet. We were amazed at the number of people who watched the funeral live in Boston and Ireland on their computers.

Thank you to Redeemer Radio that covered both liturgies at Fort Wayne and South Bend; also Deacon James Fitzpatrick, who as master of ceremonies, did everything perfectly; and his wife Karen who picked us up and dropped me off at the airport when we rushed out to see Bishop John one last time; also Mary Glowaski and Allison Sturm, who picked us all up at the airport when we came again and then drove us to South Bend for the Mass. Thank you to Msgr. Heintz, Father Shoemaker, Father Fernandes, Msgr. Schooler and Bishop Rhoades, who gave homilies that we will hold close to our hearts

forever.

It is a great loss for our family, including our three sons (Bishop D'Arcy's nephews). He baptized them, gave them all their sacraments and officiated at two of their weddings. D'Arcy is a bagger at a supermarket and Uncle John often went in to say "hi" when he was home. John (his name sake) is a lawyer and Patrick is a teacher. It was Uncle John who took them to their first Red Sox game and every October to the circus. During the summer he visited us on Cape Cod and every day with him was an adventure. He loved to walk on the beach and swim in the water. He was always giving us books to read or an article from a magazine that he thought was worthwhile. He was a big part of our family and we will miss him forever.

Hugh and Joan D'Arcy Sheridan
Brother-in-law and sister to
Bishop John M. D'Arcy

Reluctant leaders, divine surprises and a resigning pope

“It was 1415,” my friend corrected her husband over a dinner of wings and beer on that stunning Monday when Pope Benedict XVI announced his resignation.

We were discussing, like so many across the globe, our newly acquired bit of papal trivia: the last pope to resign.

Over the course of the day, there had been a shuffle of years and a scuttle for experts. Casual observers scrolled through Wikipedia's list of all 265 popes, one of the more vast and colorful leadership records: a 20-year-old pope, a five-month papacy, a 32-year papacy, two-year gaps between popes and one man who served three separate terms.

It was a lot to process. Many Catholics had not known papal resignation was even an option. Many had never heard of Pope Gregory XII, the latest pontiff to step down six centuries ago.

Amid all the incoming data, the commentary that struck me most came during an “NBC Nightly News” interview with longtime Vatican correspondent John Thavis. In addressing the papal election process, John pointed out that no cardinal in the secret conclave would nominate himself, nor would it be acceptable for a cardinal to mobilize a group of friends to make his case.

“You don't campaign,” John said.

What a refreshing concept for our campaign-weary times. It's not just political fatigue; it's the way social media has turned daily life into one carefully edited, sepia-toned commercial.

This process is purer: no

lobbying, no fundraising, no elbow rubbing, no back scratching. Just earnest discussion, fervent prayer and the quaint belief that an inspired selection doesn't begin with the candidate raising his own hand.

Election, therefore, can be a shock, welcomed or not. “As the trend in the ballots slowly made me realize that — in a matter of speaking — the guillotine would fall on me, I started to feel quite dizzy,” Pope Benedict XVI once joked.

God surprises and challenges us. What you want and what your family or Church needs may be two different things. The discrepancy between how we view ourselves and how others view us can produce unexpected requests.

The key, I'm learning, is to allow yourself to be startled and stretched, to sit in the invitation for a moment, to let it wash over you before hatching a list of reasons to decline.

My mom leads a weekly Bible study at a retirement community and was recently compelled to enlist one of the seniors to say a closing prayer. “I thought, ‘These folks must be tired of hearing my voice,’” she told me. “I felt nudged to ask Blytha.”

So Mom gently invited the 88-year-old widow with short gray hair and an introverted disposition to wrap up their gathering, and Blytha led a beautiful prayer, seamlessly drawing on the day's Scripture and comments from several neighbors.

“You have a knack for this,” Mom later told her.

Blytha chuckled. “It's funny



TWENTY SOMETHING

CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

you say that. I used to avoid going to prayer meetings because I was afraid of being asked to pray aloud.”

Now the widow enjoys leading prayer and has become an ambassador for the group.

At every age we are evolving, discovering new gifts from the God who elevated a peasant girl and recruited flawed disciples.

This used to puzzle me, but now I understand what consolation it offers: Spiritual life isn't a meritocracy. It's not based on framed degrees or LinkedIn endorsements. It's not earned by homemade cookies, handwritten notes and social capital.

It's about shedding our own ideas and stepping into unlikely roles, prodded by someone who sees something we do not, trusting in new graces.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for March 17, 2013

John 8:1-11

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Cycle C: fall-out from the act of adultery. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

OF OLIVES	MORNING	PEOPLE
SAT DOWN	SCRIBES	CAUGHT
STAND	TEACHER	MOSES
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STRAIGHTENED	FIRST	GROUND
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a safe person or group who will sit with them as they talk, cry or memorialize their treasured little one over time.

Unfortunately there are other mothers suffering from the loss of miscarriage who may be bombarded with the push from those around them to get past their “invisible” grief and start over.

These women may not feel safe to discuss the pain of losing their child and all her hopes and dreams.

And what of the fathers of these lost babies? Many times these young dads are not even acknowledged in the process as the baby was never viable outside the womb — therefore considered by some as not a baby at all. Because they never held their baby in their arms these dads are encouraged by current cultural misperceptions of grief to “just try again.”

My friend's son-in-law, not surprisingly, finds himself feeling a similar state of shock that he sees his beloved wife in. Yet for now he has stepped into his role as provider/protector and in spite of his grief he is simply taking care of the business of the day.

And of course, this loss affects other family members as well, evidenced by the pain in the eyes of our friend who lost her grandchild, as she speaks of her entire family's grief, from grandpa to aunt to in-laws.

As my group of grandmas

discussed this sad situation, I found myself surprised at the number of women who have experienced a miscarriage but never spoke of it. One of the grandmas spoke with courage when she acknowledged that her first pregnancy many years ago ended in miscarriage. She was able to relay how painful it was to lose her child and that the norms at the time required she simply not speak of it again, even behind closed doors. How unfortunate, she lamented, that she and her husband carried their grief quietly, shrouded in the solitude of their hearts all of these years.

Another of the grandmas spoke of how her own sister endured a miscarriage several years ago. To their credit but against family wishes they held a memorial service replete with a beautiful little casket, Scripture, music and prayer. She felt the ceremony was a powerful beginning to the healing process for the young couple as they grieved the loss of their child.

I have learned that child loss is a layered loss of hopes and dreams for the future. The need to express the inner grief is as relevant as for any loss. When we are open to grief, whether ours or another's, we can honor even the loss of the unseen gifts of life.

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Sports

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE TO HOLD HOOPS FOR HOPE 3-ON-3 YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT Hoops for Hope is a student-led 3-on-3 basketball tournament that will bring awareness to the incredible work of the Holy Cross Brothers, while raising money for the poor communities in their ministries. The Hoops for Hope tournament is open to area boys and girls ages 9-14, and will be held April 27-28 on the campus of Holy Cross College. The cost to play in the Hoops for Hope is \$100 per team, \$25 per player. Applications to participate are due April 2. Those interested in additional information or a team application may visit the Hoops for Hope website at www.hcc-nd.edu/hoops4hope.

Three new CYO champions crowned in year-end tournament

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In its 77th running, three new Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) boys' champions were crowned in the much-anticipated year-end tournament. This year's showdowns were once again held at the St. Charles Hession Center on Saturday, Feb. 23.

In the White League battle, St. Vincent topped St. Charles, 45-29, while St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel (SJHC) beat Queen of Angels, 41-25, for the Blue League title. Finally, it was St. Vincent in the Gold League with a championship win over St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth (SJSE), 46-32.

The Blue League powerhouse Squires capped off a phenomenal season racking up double medals by going undefeated in league play once again and claiming their sixth consecutive tournament championship.

Coach Jim Knapke praised his eighth graders, Evan Knapke, Aaron Rupright and Tyler Prince, who typically took turns as offensive leaders, while Patrick Wyss dominated the defensive duties.

He added, "Max Oberley was a great addition this season and adjusted well to his new role inside."

Knapke also called on five talented seventh graders who were invaluable to his program. When comparing this group to past years, Knapke felt this team had come further from start to finish than any other.

The former St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel alum and standout described, "They were like an old engine. We got things going, then they stopped; got things going, then they stopped. We tweaked some more and finally ran smooth."



The CYO St. Vincent 8 Gold League champions are shown in the photo.

He added, "Their skills, continuity and overall basketball rhythm really came together from beginning to end."

Knapke called runner-ups Queen of Angels a tough opponent, "The Royals were well-coached and had a strong big guy (Austin Kinney)."

The eighth-grade team from St. Vincent made it a fourth straight in their CYO careers when they claimed the 2013 title.

Chris Paul coached the team during most of the regular season, but when his duties as head coach for the IPFW women's team revved up, Courtney Paul and Mick Steele stepped in to finish things off. The Panthers ended with an amazing 23-4 overall record and their stellar league play earned them the No. 1 seed.

Courtney Paul explained, "The season started in November and the boys worked hard all year towards a CYO championship."

Behind their team defense and outstanding rebounding, the

Panthers also won their diocesan matchup against South Bend's top team, St. Matthew, 39-30.

During their highly successful grade school run, Jalen Paul and Conlan Martin led the scoring attack for St. Vincent. The league's tallest line up, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, finished runner-ups in the Gold League, playing an outstanding tournament at the No. 3 seed by knocking off the always-tough No. 2 seeded Cardinals from St. Charles.

St. Vincent's seventh-grade squad also had a great run this year and won their tournament against a tough team from St. Charles. John Henry Reith and Tommy Steele each chipped in a dozen points in the championship game. The Panthers' overall record tallied 20-2 and in addition to the White League CYO tourney, they also finished on top at the Hoops Fest. Coach Dale Curry's squad was full of athletic and talented players. During practices St. Vincent focused on developing fundamental skills. He



The CYO St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Blue League champions are shown in the photo.



The CYO St. Vincent 7 White League champions are shown in the photo.

explained, "Our team goal was to excel with tough defense and rebounding." The Panthers succeeded averaging 10.9 steals per game and pulled down 69.5 percent of the rebounds resulting in outscoring their opponents by a season average of 21 points.

Curry detailed his biggest challenge this season, "We had a problem getting the boys to work collectively as a team. We had poor pass-

ing and decision making during the first half of the season. Fortunately, we were able to overcome these challenges and ended averaging just 10.3 turnovers per game. I commend the boys for their hard work ethic and following direction from the coaching staff."

Curry's coaching staff included Jon Bergstrom, Karl Vearco and John Reith this season.

Bishop Dwenger cheerleaders crowned National Grand Champions for third consecutive year

FORT WAYNE — The Bishop Dwenger Varsity Cheerleading team competed at the Contest of Champions Nationals in Orlando, Fla., on Sunday, March 3. The 22-member team won the extra-large varsity division consisting of teams of 20 members or more. The girls also received the highest score of any team at the competition that day and were crowned National Grand Champions for the third consecutive year. Over 104 teams competed that day and the girls gave a stellar performance. Members include, seniors — Bri Campbell,

Paige Didier, Nicole Gulachek, Erin Grutsch, Lindsey Noye, Morgan Pearson, Becca Paladino, Claire Schenkel, Rachel Venderley and Alex Yoder. Juniors are Emily Budzon, Elizabeth Budzon, Lauren Didier, Haley Enrietto, Mariah Tippmann, Allison White. Sophomores are Alexis Eddy, Dominique Effinger, Maggie Houlihan, Graisen Proctor, Lucy Schenkel and Emily Tippmann. The cheerleaders are coached by Amy Gonzagowski, Vicki Kuker and Doris Derheimer.

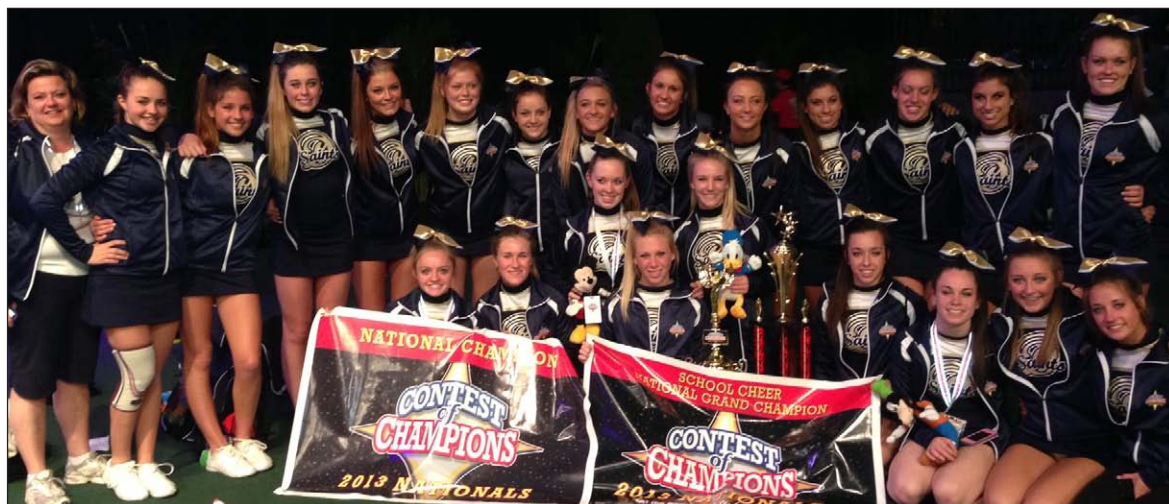


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Bishop Dwenger High School's cheerleaders were crowned the national grand champions for the third consecutive year. The performance can be watched at www.youtube.com/bishopdwengerhs.

Stroik offers sense of the sacred in church architecture

BY ANN CAREY

SOUTH BEND — A new book by University of Notre Dame architecture professor Duncan G. Stroik has so many exquisite photos of churches that one might think at first glance it is another beautiful coffee-table book. “The Church Building as a Sacred Place: Beauty, Transcendence and the Eternal” certainly is a beautiful book, but it is so much more than pretty pictures.

Stroik writes in clear prose what every Catholic should know about the way a church building’s exterior and interior should reflect and enable the sacred actions that are celebrated within its walls. Helping to illustrate and enforce these concepts are over 170 photographs and drawings that date from early Christian places of worship to churches built in the 21st century.

In his introduction Stroik argues that the book is not a history of architecture. Nevertheless, the average person will learn a great deal about the architectural history of the Catholic Church in virtually every one of the 23 chapters in the book. Those chapters are divided into four parts: Principles of Church Design; Church Architecture Today; Modernism and Modernity; and Renaissance and Renewal.

Throughout the book, Stroik — who considers ecclesial architecture a “noble ministry” — dis-

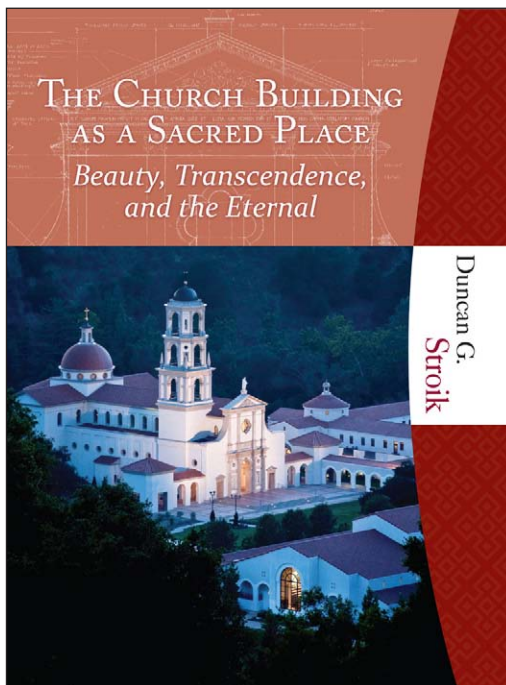
plays a firm grounding in theology and philosophy as he explains the principles of Catholic architecture. He alludes frequently to various Church documents such as the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Vatican II document on liturgy “Sacrosanctum Concilium,” and the General Instruction of the Roman Missal.

As a practicing architect who has designed several significant new churches and extensive renovations himself, Stroik also offers concrete solutions for renovating or building churches that will evoke a sense of the sacred and what will be fitting symbols of God’s house for generations to come.

Many of the chapters in the book were written as essays by Stroik over the past 18 years and published in journals, while some were composed for this book. Thus, the chapters do not necessarily build upon each other, but each treats its subject matter in a complete manner that allows the reader to understand the chapter’s topic independent of the other chapters.

A fascinating appendix in the back of the book on “The Sizes of Churches” allows the reader to compare the size and scale of many famous Catholic churches in Europe to some prominent churches in the United States, including Sacred Heart Basilica at Notre Dame.

One does not have to read far into the book to learn that Stroik



dislikes churches designed by Modernist architects over the past century that look like modern secular buildings and are configured like theaters or auditoriums with minimal iconography. However, it is not just his personal dislike, but rather a strong sense that such churches give no visible indication of the sacredness of the building or the celebration that occurs therein, and they do not serve the needs of Catholic liturgy. (Indeed, this reader was struck by one photograph of the interior of a modernist church that looked very much like a

prison with its plain concrete walls.)

“We need an architecture that helps raise our hearts and minds to heaven,” he writes, and he proves his case throughout the book by citing official Catholic Church documents.

In his section on Modernism, Stroik contends that many Modernist architects were influenced by Protestant meeting-room style churches as well as a desire to conform ecclesial design to the latest secular buildings. The result, he writes, are functional-looking buildings that do not function well for Catholic worship.

He builds a strong case for his assertion that classical and medieval churches are still relevant to contemporary culture, for they are a timeless “catechism in paint, mosaic and stone” that appeals in any age. Indeed, he notes that it often was a poorly formed liturgist and not the people in the pews who demanded many of the renovations — some would say “wreckovations” — of Catholic churches after Vatican II.

Stroik writes that sacred architecture is part of our Catholic pat-

rimony, but he does not advocate simply copying famous Catholic churches of the past. Rather, he believes that church renovators and designers should learn from those classical models and apply to contemporary buildings what they learn about making a church beautiful and evocative of the sacred. To prove his case, he presents photos of several Catholic churches built in the last few years that are innovative and modern while at the same time beautiful examples of ecclesial architecture.

“As architects and artists regain the balance between tradition and innovation, architecture will become a humanistic enterprise once again,” Stroik writes.

Stroik’s final chapter contains 20 “prophecies” about the future of Catholic architecture in which he predicts: “A renaissance of Catholic architecture will ensue, when large numbers of the lay faithful and the Church leadership begin demanding beauty in the house of God.” Many Catholics probably hope that Stroik is a prophet in his own time.

“The Church Building as a Sacred Place: Beauty, Transcendence and the Eternal” by Duncan G. Stroik: Liturgy Training Publications (Chicago, 2012). 175 pp. \$75.

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Annual clean-up at Catholic Cemetery

Fort Wayne — The annual clean-up of decorations will be from March 18 thru March 22. Do not place decorations during this time. If you wish to save your decoration, have it removed before March 15, or call the office at (260) 426-2044, by March 12, and we will hold it for you for 30 days, after which it will be discarded. Decorations may again be placed March 22.

Sacred Heart Cemetery

South Bend — The Sacred Heart Cemetery (corner of Western Ave and Pine Rd.) will conduct a spring cleanup from Monday, March 25 through Saturday March 30. Have all fall and Christmas decorations removed from the graves by this time.

Women's fertility workshop offered

New Haven — Revolutionizing family planning and women's health care with NaProTECHNOLOGY will be presented Monday, March 18, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at St. John's Community Center. Introductory sessions will be March 23, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Fort Wayne in the Mother Teresa Room, and from 1-2 p.m. at St. Mary, Huntington. RSVPs required. Contact Theresa Schortgen CFCP at (260) 494-6444 or chart-daily365@frontier.com.

Day of Reflection

Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) Wednesday, March 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is "Transforming our Lives." Bring a Bible. The cost of the day is \$20 and includes lunch. Register by March 15 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at (574) 259-5427.

FISH FRIES

Holy Name Society fish fry

New Haven — The Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist Parish will have a fish fry Friday, March 15, from 4-7 p.m. Adults \$ 7.50, children 5-12 \$4 and children under 5 free.

Fish fry

Lakeville — Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish will have a fish fry Friday, March 15, from 4-7 p.m. Fish fried by Tyner IOOF. Adults and all drive-through-carry-out tickets \$8, children 6-12 \$3 and children 5 and under free. Drive-through closes at 6:30 p.m. Call (574) 291-3775 for information.

Fish fry

Bluffton — St. Joseph Council 7555 will have a fish fry Friday, March 15, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, 1300 N. Main St. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$6 for children 6-12 and children 5 and under are free.

Fish fry

Fort Wayne — St. Vincent Venture Scouts will have a fish fry on Friday, March 15, from 5-8 p.m. Adult tickets are \$9, children 6-11 \$4 and children under 6 are free. Carry-out available.

Fish Fry

Arcola — St. Patrick Church, 12305 Arcola Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, March 22, from 4:30-7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$8.

Knights of Columbus host fish fry

Plymouth — The Knights of Columbus Council 1975 will have a fish dinner on Friday, March 22, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 901 E. Jefferson from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are \$8.50 for adults, \$4 for children 5-10 and children under 4 are free. The fish will be prepared by Tyner Oddfellows. Proceeds will benefit local charitable organizations.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's Day Mass at Lagro

Lagro — An annual St. Patrick's Day Mass will be held at St. Patrick Church Sunday, March 17, at 1 p.m. with Father Don Sextus as celebrant. Refreshments will follow.

Knights plan St. Patrick's Day dinner at Queen of Angels

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 11043 will serve traditional fare of corned beef, cabbage, roasted red potatoes, and carrots on Saturday, March 16, in the activities center at Queen of Angels, 1500 W. State Blvd., starting at 5 p.m. Cost is adults \$8, children (6-12) \$4.

St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance

Mishawaka — The Knights of Columbus Council 1878, 114 W. 1st St., will have a dinner and dance Sunday, March 17, starting at 3 p.m. Entertainment starts at 5 p.m. by the World Academy of Irish Dancer and the Caledonia Kilty Band. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. Call (574) 255-2218 for reservations.

Easter bale sale

South Bend — The St. Hedwig Rosary Society will have a Easter bake sale Palm Sunday weekend before and after Masses in the memorial center. A variety of Easter pastries will be available including lamb cakes, coffee cakes, pies, doughnuts, cookies and more.

Children's clothing and toy resale

Yoder — St. Aloysius Parish will have a children's clothing and toy resale Saturday, March 23, from 8 a.m. to noon in the school gym, 14607 Bluffton Rd., just south of I-469 on State Road 1.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, March 20, from 5-6:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Dr. Bill Lewis Center.

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Columbia City

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Culver

Michael Patrick Walsh, 50, St. Mary of the Lake

Decatur

Frank A. Whitacre, 74, St. Mary of the Assumption

Stephen C. Barker, 68, St. Mary of the Assumption

Donaldson

Sister Judian Breitenbach, PHJC, 82, Ancilla Domini Chapel

Fort Wayne

Mildred A. Gillette, 96, Sacred Heart

Sharon L. Richards, 76, St. Charles Borromeo

George J. Stieber, 79, St. Jude

Donald E. Jehl, 83, St. Vincent de Paul

Francis M. Meehan, 84, St. Vincent de Paul

Charles V. Seyfert, 70, St. Vincent de Paul

Fred L. Tagtmeyer, 97, St. Charles Borromeo

Carolanne F. Tholen, 95, St. John the Baptist

Granger

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David N. Carmichael, 78, Ss. Peter and Paul

William J. Fisher, 73, Ss. Peter and Paul

Mishawaka

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Basil W. Galipo, 76, St. Bavo

New Haven

Carolyn M. Roussey, 71, St. Louis Besancon

South Bend

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Frederic Winkler Syburg, 88, Little Flower

Edward P. Koepp Jr., 84, Holy Family

Martin J. Buczkowski Jr., 92, St. Matthew Cathedral

Dorothy E. Finneran, 86, St. Matthew Cathedral

Mary T. Mackowiak, 93, St. Casimir

John C. Sniadecki, 86, Holy Family

Lucille G. Wiczorkowski, 91, St. Adalbert

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CONCLAVE

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“The event of a conclave doesn’t just involve a small circle of particular people who gather to make their own little decision. It’s an ecclesial event at which the cardinals represent the entire College of Bishops,” he said.

Catholics are called to enter spiritually into the Sistine Chapel with the cardinal electors, he said.

“With our hearts we are all in the Sistine Chapel to await, through the voting, the Lord’s indication of who the next pope should be,” he said.

Archbishop Marini also headed the group of liturgical and theological experts who designed the Mass for the installation of a new pope. The text was not approved by Blessed John Paul in 1998 when he approved the rites for a conclave, Archbishop Marini said, because the late pope did not want to dictate how his successor would initiate his ministry.

One important value in designing the Mass, which was approved by Pope Benedict XVI the day after his election, was to ensure that the gestures associated with the papal installation — like receiving the fisherman’s ring and the pallium — were connected to the Gospel passages that inspired them, Archbishop Marini said. In 2005, the pope received the symbols immediately after the Gospel reading.

The Gospel text foreseen for the Mass is from John 21, which includes Jesus telling his disciples to cast their nets into the sea, as well as Jesus telling Peter, “Feed my sheep.” The fisherman’s ring depicts Peter casting out his net to be a fisher of men; and the pallium, a wool band worn around the shoulders, evokes a shepherd carrying his sheep, Archbishop Marini said.

The consignment of the symbols right after the reading, he said, highlights the fact that the Gospel is not “simply an account of events that occurred long ago, but is a message that continues to have relevance today. The words said to Peter are said again today to the successor of Peter.”

Archbishop Marini’s successor, Msgr. Guido Marini, who is not related, told the Vatican newspaper that continuing a process begun under Pope Benedict, gestures — like giving the new pope the ring and pallium — that are not sacramental would take place before the Mass begins.

Msgr. Marini, the current master of ceremonies, said Pope Benedict ordered the changes shortly before resigning Feb. 28.

The new pope’s installation, he said, also would include a return to the practice of all the cardinals present publicly paying homage and promising obedience to the new pope. During the installation Mass, Archbishop Marini designed for Pope Benedict, 12 people were chosen to represent all Catholics: three cardinals, a bishop, a diocesan priest, a transitional deacon, a male

religious, a female religious, a married couple and a young man and a young woman recently confirmed.

Archbishop Marini said it was Pope Benedict himself who thought a “symbolic” number was better than having all the cardinals come up to him, otherwise the procession would “unbalance” the Mass. Besides, the archbishop said, there will be the 114 other electors, plus possibly another 65 cardinals over 80 at the Mass. If each cardinal took 30 seconds to pay homage, that part of the celebration alone would last 90 minutes.

But Msgr. Marini told *L’Osservatore Romano*, the Vatican newspaper, that returning to the practice of all the cardinals paying homage publicly was a way to illustrate the universality of the Church.

Msgr. Kevin W. Irwin, a professor of liturgical studies at The Catholic University of America, joined Archbishop Marini for the press briefing March 9.

He explained that the conclave begins with a procession from the Pauline Chapel in the Apostolic Palace to the Sistine Chapel as a reminder that all people are on a pilgrimage from one place to another on this earth as they make their way home to God.

The entire conclave, he said, “is liturgy. It’s prayer from beginning to end.”

The conclave handbook, Msgr. Irwin said, emphasizes that the conclave “is not only a juridical action — how to do your hanging chads, it’s not about that. It’s about prayer.”

Australian Jesuit Father Richard Leonard, author of the new book “Why Bother Praying,” said when Catholics pray for the cardinals, “The thing we’re primarily doing is asking God to give them the greatest insight into who the Holy Spirit wants to lead the Catholic Church right now.”

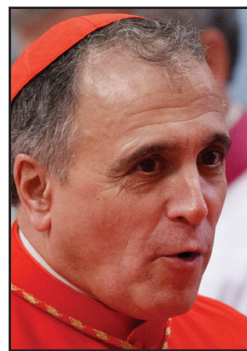
“We’ve had bad conclaves ... when God looks to have been more absent than present,” he said. “Some Catholics live under the false impression that every conclave has been open to the Holy Spirit, but anybody who knows Church history knows that’s just not true,” even if the Holy Spirit still ensured that those popes could not destroy the Church.

Praying that the Holy Spirit assist the cardinals, he said, “also changes me, changes us.” People praying may have a favorite candidate, but asking God to guide the conclave makes them recognize that the key value is not so much who walks out on the balcony of St. Peter’s Basilica as the new pope, but as that “the Gospel be most clearly proclaimed to the world.”

Visit www.todayscatholicnews.org for updates throughout the conclave.



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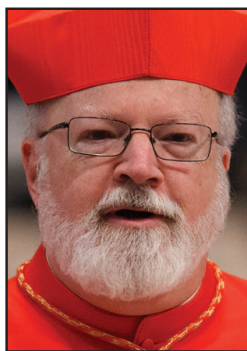
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Eleven U.S. cardinals will take part in the conclave to elect a new pope.



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Vatican firefighters secure a smokestack on the roof of the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican March 9. Smoke coming from the chimney will be the only sign to the world of how things are progressing inside the chapel during the conclave. White smoke signals that the cardinal electors have elected a new pope. Black smoke indicates voting has not been conclusive.